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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

May 18, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

LANCASTER JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
(FIFTH DISTRICT – 3 VOTES)

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve the request of the City Council of Lancaster to rename the Lancaster Juvenile Justice Center, the Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the above action will recognize the contribution Judge Alfred J. McCourtney made to the community.

The residents of the Antelope Valley and the City Council of Lancaster have requested the County and Superior Court rename the renovated Lancaster Juvenile Justice Center to the Alfred J. McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center. Copy of the requests are attached.

Judge McCourtney was a strong advocate for the residents of the Antelope Valley and his years of hard work helped change the Antelope Valley from a justice of the peace court to a municipal court district. In addition, he is credited with garnering the support for the first courthouse building in Lancaster. Judge McCourtney served as a judge in the municipal and superior court systems. In his years of service, Judge McCourtney was especially dedicated to juvenile

issues. He promoted reorganization of the juvenile system and saw a need for a specialized children's court.

The renaming of the facility will include a new courthouse sign and re-dedication plaque to be located adjacent to the original dedication plaque.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The completion of the renovation project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by providing a facility and service that is beneficial to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total cost of renaming the facility is estimated at \$3,000. On November 4, 2003, your Board approved the Lancaster Juvenile Justice Center Renovation Project which consolidated the juvenile delinquency, dependency, and traffic court operations into the existing Lancaster Courthouse. Sufficient funding to pay for the renaming expenditures is available within the current Board approved renovation project budget of \$2,212,000.

The renovation project is funded by \$1,258,000 in Fifth District Capital Project net County cost and a \$954,000 allocation from the Criminal Justice Facilities Temporary Construction Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The building sign and the rededication plaque will be purchased and installed by the Internal Service Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not Applicable.

CONCLUSION

Approve the request of the city of Lancaster to rename the Lancaster Juvenile Justice Center to Alfred J. McCartney Juvenile Justice Center.

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO – Capital Projects Division) and Superior Court.

Respectfully Submitted,



JOHN A. CLARKE
Executive Officer/Clerk



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

c: Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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April 28, 2004

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The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich
500 W. Temple
869 Hall of Administration
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Mike

Dear Supervisor Antonovich:

I recently received a letter from Mrs. Pauline McCourtney asking me to support the naming of the old courthouse in Lancaster to "The Judge McCourtney Juvenile Justice Center". Mrs. McCourtney has been contacted by many old-time Antelope Valley residents regarding this issue and their interest in seeing that happen. I now understand that this proposal is on the Board of Supervisors upcoming meeting. As a long-term resident of Lancaster, I certainly remember Al McCourtney, and I am delighted to offer my whole-hearted agreement of this proposal. Judge McCourtney was so active in the Antelope Valley community and this would be a fine tribute to a fine man.

I urge the Board to vote yes on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Frank

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Supervisor Michael Antonovich
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Dear Mr. Antonovich,

We recently became aware that you are considering the naming of the renovated courthouse in Lancaster as the "Alfred J. McCourtney" courthouse.

Insofar as Judge McCourtney played a major part in the building of the courthouse as well as brining a functional court system to the Antelope Valley, we feel that the naming of the courthouse in honor of Judge McCourtney to be a justly deserved honor and an excellent way to preserve history.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Petros, Master
Lancaster Lodge #437, F. & A. M.

cc: Presiding Judge Robert A. Dukes
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April 28, 2004

Dear Ms. Pembedjiin:

I support the idea of the old courthouse in Lancaster being named the Judge McCourtney Juvenile Center. Judge McCourtney put in a lot of time with Supervisor Warren Dorn promoting the construction of the old courthouse. I was Judge McCourtney's clerk in the Justice and Municipal Courts. He was a very good judge.

Sincerely,

Michael Orlando

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